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Subject: Bristol Bay - report from Reimers/Williams meeting with Bob P.

FYI - The major points of discussion in the Weds meeting between Lisa Reimers and Abe Williams and Bob Perciaspe. I've included notes where EPA folks responded.

Lisa and Abe raised the following:

MAJOR POINT: Assessment timetable is too aggressive, especially 60 day public comment period.

MAJOR POINT: Native Corporations should be afforded the same consultation opportunities as tribes. Response: they are not the same, but we have and will continue to meet with native corporations to hear their concerns.

Concern about economy in villages near Lake - Lisa's view is that people of her generation and younger no longer practice subsistence and need a cash economy.

Want to go through NEPA process so economic and social benefits are considered.

Perceive some of the EPA contractors as biased. Response: we have plan in place to make sure all information is well-documented.

EPA is doing the assessment portion of the report.

Concern that a 404(c) would limit Native Corporations' ability to develop. Response: potential 404(c) would likely apply to specific activities and geographic area - not comprehensive or restrictive of all development.

We are looking at "worst case" scenario and old mining practices. Response: we listened to input from the IGTT and are looking at a range of mining scenarios and assuming it would be a modern mine.

In consulting with tribes, EPA should give most attention and consideration to villages nearest the potential mine sites.

We should use PLP data. Response: we are reviewing and considering this data in our assessment.

They are not "rubber stamping" Pebble.

Concern about 404 violation re: barge landing. Raised 404(f) (possible exemption for "emergency construction"?).

They would still like meeting with Lisa Jackson.

Bob P promised to provide:

Executive Order on Tribal Consultation (provided)

List of attendees at meeting (provided)

List of EPA contractors

Look into 404(f) issue re: violation

Palmer Hough will respond to Lisa on these points.

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